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Palmetto Affairs
The News of South Carolina in Condensed Form

Drowning Near Sumter.
Sumter, Special.—Coroner Flomen held an inquest last week at "Scupper's Swamp," near Mayesville, over the body of Sarah Mack colored, who was drowned in the swamp Sunday night. The inquest developed the fact that Jake Bossard and Sarah Mack were riding together in a buggy not known also in a buggy and that Bossard's horse became frightened and backed off the bridge into the stream with the buggy and the occupants. Bossard swam ashore but the woman was caught under the buggy and was dead when taken out of the water. The horse and the buggy were rescued, the horse being unhurt but the vehicle was badly damaged. The verdict was "accidental drowning."

Charleston Advertising.
Charleston, Special.—The chamber of commerce has had printed for distribution 100,000 cards in advertisement of Charleston. On one side of the card is a map of the harbor, showing the channel, enclosing islands, navy yard, etc., while on the reverse side are a number of brief statements setting forth the fact that this is the largest phosphate center of the world, the center of the greatest truck raising belt, and a number of other facts.

To Vote in Abbeville County.
Columbia, Special.—An effort is being made to obtain a vote on the dispensary in Abbeville county and Attorney General Lyon has been asked for an opinion as to filing a petition at this time. When the Carey-Cochran law went into effect it was stated that in certain counties petitions must be presented before the first of May and the question arises whether this applies to 1907. Mr. T. P. Cochran one of the framers of the law states that in his opinion Abbeville can present the petition now and Mr. Lyon suggests to those writing for an opinion that the petition be drawn up and should there be any protest the courts can decide the matter and a decision would not effect an election next year under the same provision.

Last Year's Crop Figures.
Charleston, Special.—The Charleston cotton exchange received the reports of The Financial Chronicle and of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange on the size of the last cotton year, the figures being with 10,000 bales of each other. The Financial Chronicle puts the crop at 13,320,650 as against 13,510,982 bales, compiled by the New Orleans exchange. The statement of the New Orleans exchange was fuller than that of the New York commercial paper. It showed 9,919,535 bales received at the ports; 1,252,216 bales overland; 2,339,211 bales net Southern consumption, including 99,577 bales taken from and counted at Southern ports.

Train Strikes Wagon.
Spartanburg, Special.—The passenger train from Columbia to Asheville smashed into the delivery wagon of Rowe & Rowe at Conversa street crossing, killing the horse, smashing the wagon and knocking Dead Deant, the driver, twenty feet in a vacant lot. Strange to relate, he was not injured.

Rural Carriers Meet.
Spartanburg, Special.—The annual meeting of the Rural Mail Carriers' Association convened Monday and officers for the ensuing year elected. The meeting was attended by a large number of carriers from the county. R. G. Durham was elected president, T. D. Advance vice president and B. Bryant secretary and treasurer.

Aiken Wants Free Delivery.
Aiken, Special.—Efforts are being made to secure free delivery of mail for Aiken. It is stated that Aiken now comes up to the requirements for securing this service. It is understood that the postal receipts for the past year exceeded \$10,000 which is the necessary amount for procuring free delivery. At the last meeting of city council a motion was passed to request the United States senators and Congressman Patterson to use their influence to secure the service and it is very probable that it will be secured without trouble.

After the "Tigers."
Newberry, Special.—Constable T. G. Williams of this city kept straight in behind the roaming blind tigers. A few days ago he drove out in the country a few miles and brought back three gallons of liquor which he seized from a Saluda county darkey. The darkey had just taken out of the express office at Silver Street and had it in his buggy making for a bog baptizing.

Robt. H. Jennings Badly Injured.
Orangeburg, Special.—Mr. Robert H. Jennings one of the most prominent citizens of this city got his left arm caught in his ginny and it was so badly mangled that it will have to be amputated at or above the elbow. Mr. Jennings is the senior member of the firm of Jennings & Strunk, wholesale grocers of this city, and aside from his business connections is generally known through the State as a member of the grand lodge of Masons and as a Knight Templar and Shriner.

Injured by Runaway Horse.
Greenville, Special.—Miss Kate Richardson the 11-year old daughter of Mr. A. M. Richardson was knocked down by a runaway horse on Main street and seriously injured. Her hip was fractured and she sustained numerous bruises and cuts. The physicians say that she will recover, however. Mr. Richardson was formerly route agent for the Southern Express company in this territory but is now engaged in business in Greenville.

WRECK OF EXPRESS

Train Crashes into Freight in Trying to Regain Lost Time

12 KILLED AND 12 BADLY HURT

Rock Island Express, Going at Terrific Speed to Make Up For Lost Time, Jumps the Track—Engine Crashes into Engine of Freight Train Standing on Siding.

Waterloo, Iowa, Special.—Twelve persons were killed and 12 others injured in the wreck of an express train on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad at Norris, Iowa. The express train northbound, jumped the track while going at full speed crashing into a freight train standing on the siding.

The dead:
P. B. Oliver, Waterloo, Iowa
Will Goodman, Waterloo.
John N. Watson, Waterloo.
C. L. Landphre, Shell Rock, Iowa.
W. Ray Johnson, Dicke, Iowa.
B. R. Christy, Chicago.
Lepovan Toja, Hammond, Ind.
W. H. Myers, baggageman.
Four unidentified men.

The injured, who will all probably recover, were brought to Waterloo Hospital. All of the dead and injured were in the smoking car, which was immediately behind the baggage and mail cars. The smoking car was demolished.

The northbound express was 10 minutes late at Norris, where the freight train was waiting. The express came along at terrific speed in an effort to make up time. Just as the locomotive of the passenger train was about to pass the freight locomotive the trucks of the former left the track and the moving engine crashed into the engine of the freight, wrecking both locomotives and telescoping the baggage and the mail cars and demolishing the smoking car. The passengers in the two day coaches following the smoking car escaped with a violent shaking up.

Rescuers were immediately at hand to care for the injured and to take the dead from the wreckage.

Monument to McKinley.
Buffalo, N. Y., Special.—New York State paid a fitting tribute Thursday to the memory of the martyr President McKinley, in the dedicating by Governor Hughes of the white marble obelisk erected by the State at a cost of nearly half a million.

The monument perpetuates the memory of Ohio's great son, who met death here while attending the Pan American Congress. The flags of two countries England and America were entwined among the decorations about the city and two Canadian regiments marching in the parade lent an international flavor to observance. One of the prettiest spectacles of the day was the release from the base of the monument on hour before the exercises began of 2,500 pure white pigeons, emblematic of the doctrines of peace which McKinley always publicly advocated.

American Farmers Ahead Thousand Million Dollars.
New York, Special.—The American farmers' earnings are a thousand million dollars greater this year than last, according to a preliminary report on crops which will be published in the next issue of The American Agriculturist. This big gain will be entirely due to the increased prices of farm products, as the production in general will be fully 10 per cent less in quantity than in 1906, which was the bumper year. "The farmer was never in so healthy a position as he is today—financially, socially, politically, mentally and spiritually," says the report. "The increase in the value of his real estate has been prodigious. He owes less money than ever before. He has greater assets than ever. Again, the farmers' wants are greater. He is in the market for more and better breeding stock, farm implements, household goods and other merchandise."

South Dakota After Lower Fares.
Sioux Falls, S. D., Special.—A movement for the reduction of passenger rates on all railroads operating in South Dakota will probably be inaugurated by the State board of railroad commissioners at its meeting to be held in this city. It is proposed to reduce the fare to 2 1/2 cents per mile, the commission having been authorized to put such a rate in effect by the State Legislature during its session last winter. The interests of the various railroads having lines in the State will be looked after at a later meeting by their passenger traffic representatives.

2-Cent Fare For Kansas.
Topeka, Kan., Special.—The State board of railroad commissioners, after deciding to allow Kansas railroads to show by testimony why they considered a two-cent passenger fare order illegal and unjust ordered all the railroads of Kansas to make a flat two-cent rate beginning October 1st. The decision was unanimous. The railroads gave no information of what action they might take.

HE MADE BIG HAUL

President of Chicago Company Skips to Canada

LEAVES WIFE AND CHILDREN

Defalcations Have Been Going on for at Least Two Years—He Has Little Stock.

Chicago, Special.—The appointment of a receiver for the properties of the Belding-Hall Manufacturing Company followed close upon the heels of the discovery by the creditors of the concern that its missing president, Jesse Judson Hall had appropriated to his own use at least \$315,000 of the corporation's funds.

As far as can be discovered every dollar of this money went into mining stock which was backed up with no tangible property, theatrical ventures which made no money and other securities which the creditors are willing to sell in a lump for something less than \$4,000.

Indications were that Hall would not voluntarily return from Canada and that criminal prosecution would be instituted to bring him back to this country by the First National bank, which holds notes of the company aggregating \$100,000.

It appears that Mr. Hall has been "borrowing" the company's money for at least two years. There has been little effort on his part to conceal this fact. The money taken out of the business was secured only by promissory notes signed by Hall. As he has no other property than the \$30,000 worth of Belding-Hall stock which is worthless until all outstanding bills are paid, it is expected that the \$315,000 which he "borrowed" and the \$40,000 which he lent to responsible persons \$355,000 in all will be a total loss.

A pathetic feature of the case is the condition of the missing man's two children who are living at the Hall home in Winnetka in charge of a housekeeper. Mrs. Hall left Chicago they have heard no word from him, neither have they received any money with which to meet the household expenses.

Charlotte Observer Has Bad Fire.
Charlotte, N. C., Special.—Fire originated in the job printing department of the Charlotte Observer Printing House at an early hour Monday morning did damage to the extent of \$100,000. The job printing and bindery department was totally wrecked, and the paper plant was greatly damaged. The morning paper came out from the presses of the Evening News. There will be no suspension. The Observer, not an issue missed. A deaf and dumb boy was asleep in the building a time, was burned to death.

Five People Injured in R. Wreck.
Helena, Ga., Special.—By railmont of and eastbound Air Line passenger train at creek, one mile from here five were seriously injured and others slightly injured and bruised. Baggage men Siler. Two colored mail clerks. Colored passenger, name. The entire train with the engine and left the track and went creek. All the cars except class coach, which was on the brink of the trestle molished. The cause of has not yet been ascertained.

Drowned Here.
Staunton, Va., Special.—Mrs. Eugene P. Coiner drowned herself in Meadow creek Sunday morning. She left her home to go to the home of her mother, Mrs. J. D. Miller, with whom she was going to a picnic. Dependence on account of ill health is supposed to have been the cause of the suicide. Mrs. Coiner leaves a husband and three children.

Secretary Root Honored.
Mexico City, Special.—Secretary Root has been elected an honorary member of the Geographical Statistical society of Mexico City, the third oldest scientific society in the world. A committee of the most distinguished scholars of this republic has been appointed to present Mr. Root with the documents of membership upon his arrival here. This honor is conferred only upon scientists, scholars, ecclesiastics and statesmen who are world famous.

HOW FAR IMMUNE?

Status of the Chicago & Alton Railroad Explained

REGARDING STANDARD OIL FINE

Attorney General Explains the Part the Department of Justice Played in Connection With Alleged Immunity Granted to Chicago & Alton Railroad Regarding Rebates to Standard Oil Company.

Lenox, Mass., Special.—Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte has issued a statement, regarding the Standard Oil case in the Illinois court. The Attorney General's statement is as follows:

"On August 11th Judge Landis asked in substance that the Department of Justice consider portions of the transcript of testimony in the case of the United States against the Standard Oil Company of Indiana in order to determine whether the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company, its officers and employees, were entitled to the benefits of an agreement assuring them of immunity against prosecution in connection with rebates."

The fighting near Casablanca last Tuesday was very severe and international complications are feared. Fifty persons are said to have been buried by an avalanche in Chile. Professor Koch was hailed as the "great white wizard" in Africa because he cured the sleeping sickness. The big fire started by rioters at Amsterdam caused \$1,000,000 damage.

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Late News

In Brief

MINOR MATTERS OF INTEREST

Upon the appeal of the Mayor of San Francisco, President Roosevelt has ordered the Government surgeons to take charge of the bubonic plague situation.

Congressman Richard Pearson Hobson thinks Japan seeks war with the United States which should build two more battleship fleets. The second of the new 20,000-ton battleships is to be named the New York. Baltimore Eagles won four first prizes in the parade at Norfolk. Charles T. Jones admitted the killing of Maurice van Goshen at Hancock Station and said he intended to kill Tilden Barnes.

Mr. Harry St. George Tucker denied he had authorized an announcement of his candidacy for Governor. Lynchburg has a new factory employing 100 operatives. According to a report published in New York the Pacific fleet will also visit Hawaii and the Philippines. Hundreds of Sikhs and Hindus were mobbed and driven out of Bellingham Washington State by American workmen.

The McKinley monument at Buffalo was unveiled. William J. Bryan in a speech at Oklahoma called Taft the great post-poner. Mr. Joseph Choate is said to have declared that he will not leave the Hague until an international arbitration court is decided on. The fighting near Casablanca last Tuesday was very severe and international complications are feared. Fifty persons are said to have been buried by an avalanche in Chile. Professor Koch was hailed as the "great white wizard" in Africa because he cured the sleeping sickness. The big fire started by rioters at Amsterdam caused \$1,000,000 damage.

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A 13-YEAR ASSAILANT

The Victim a White Girl but Six Years of Age.

Abbeville, Special.—The report of an extremely peculiar criminal assault case was brought to Abbeville, when Constable J. K. Wilson of the Level Land section arrived, bringing with him Tillman Black, a small negro boy 13 years of age. The outrage occurred on Sunday morning near Level Land, which is practically between Abbeville and Anderson counties. Black was employed and lived on the farm of DeWitt Hall, a farmer. He was, of course, thoroughly trusted around the house and was accustomed to play with the 6-year-old daughter of Mr. Hall. Sunday morning he took her with him, saying he was going to the peanut patch. Instead he took the little girl to a cotton house and there accomplished his purpose. He then told her he would kill her if she disclosed what had happened. The little girl remained silent all day and it was only when her mother put her to bed Sunday night that she learned of the outrage. Black was found on the place as usual and Constable Wilson was summoned. Mr. Hall was anxious that the law take its course and helped to see that the boy was sent to Abbeville. Dr. J. A. Anderson was also summoned and after an examination said that the little girl had not been seriously injured. The boy arrived here about 3 o'clock Tuesday morning and was given to the grand jury which rendered a true bill.

Housebreaking is Charged.
Lexington, Special.—Two young men were committed to jail by Constable Asbill of Leesville, charged with breaking into the home of Mr. Anderson Sligh, near Summit, and stealing therefrom a shotgun, razor and some tobacco on Saturday last. They gave their names as Norman Riley of Alabama City, Ala., age 16, and Charley Driggers of Columbus, Ga., age 14 years. They state that they have been away from home for some time, working in different cotton mills and finally at Batesburg, from which place they had started to Columbia, beating their way on a train and getting put off at Gilbert. Their relatives at Columbus, Ga., have been communicated with by long distance telephone and they will make an effort to aid the boys.

Field Secretary Named for South Carolina.
Greenville, Special.—It is officially announced that Mr. J. W. Way of Ashboro, N. C., has accepted the position of field secretary of the South Carolina Sunday School association. At the annual convention of the association, held some time ago, Mr. Way was elected.

Cotton Seed as Grain Crop.
Columbia, Special.—At a meeting of the South Carolina Cotton Seed Crushers' association this summer Mr. C. F. Simmons, the general manager of the Southern Cotton Oil Company, advanced the idea that cotton seed is now one of the principal grain crops of the South. For every seed which, when manufactured, produces the best known food for stock in the shape of meal and the oil is one of the most generally used foods in this country.

Crops Injured by Drought.
Belton, Special.—The crops in this section have suffered severely from the recent dry, hot wave. Cotton has been deteriorated at least 25 per cent, so say the farmers with whom an interview was recently had. Late planted corn and forage is suffering very materially, and unless there is rain soon will have to be cut short.

Prisco Briber Gets Jail Sentence.
San Francisco, Special.—Louis P. Glass, vice president of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company, convicted of having bribed Supervisor Longerson to vote against granting a franchise to the Home Telephone Company, was sentenced by Superior Judge Lawler to five years' imprisonment in the State prison at San Quentin.